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Debating Activities

Arrangements are nearly completed for the Debating activities of the College during the next term, which consists of the annual interclass debate between the Seniors and Juniors, and an intercollegiate debate with Union and Colgate.

The annual interclass debate will take place on Monday evening, January 17, on the quetion *"Should we commend the attitude and action of Preisdent Taft in the matter of the recent tariff legislation?"* The Senior side will be upheld by Dounce, Ondarcho, Mix and Glover, with Baldwin as alternate, while the Juniors will be represented by Colson, Wisehart, S. W. Jones, and O'Brien, with Getman as alternate. These men have been elected by their respective classes upon the basis of the work done in debating during the present term.

The question for the intercollegiate debate is *"Aside from the constitutionality of the measure, a graduate income tax should be a part of our federal system of taxation."* Three debates are to be held on the evening of March 4, 1910, upon this question, each college being represented by two teams of three men and an alternate, the negative of the question is upheld at home, while the visiting team maintains the affirmative. At Hamilton, Union will uphold the affirmative, and Colgate the negative; at Clinton, Colgate affirmative and Hamilton negative; while at Schenectady, Hamilton maintains the affirmative and Union the negative. The judges for each debate will be selected by the college not interested in that particular debate.

The two upper classes have each elected two men to the intercollegiate teams; the Seniors, Dounce and Ondarcho, and the Juniors, Colson and Wisehart. This leaves four more vacant places on the two Debating teams. For the purpose of choosing these men, a debate by teams composed of Seniors and Juniors will be held on December 15, on the question *"The United States Government should establish and maintain a parcels post."* The Seniors are to uphold the affirmative and the Juniors the negative, tho the choice of sides was by lot. The following is the order in which the men will speak: affirmative, Glover, Mix, McNair and Baldwin; negative, S. W. Jones, Martin, O'Brien and Burdick. According to the work done in this debate, four others will be chosen, regardless of class distinction, to make up the intercollegiate teams, with the four already chosen. Dr. Stryker, Prof. Lewis and Prof. A. P. Saunders will be the judges of this debate.

College Election

Owing to the number of propositions to be put before the College, the Annual Fall Election of the Athletic Association was held with polls, open from 8 to 11:30, at Silliman Hall. The innovation proved a great success, only two members of the student-body failing to cast their vote.

The contested elections were very close. Gouge, '11, was made Secretary of the Advisory Board over Day, '11; Connell, '12, defeated Hopkins, '12, for Assistant Manager of Football; Drummond, '12, won from Erskine, '12, and Woods, '13, from Myer, as Sophomore and Freshman Representative, respectively. The amendments to the Constitution and By-laws were all passed as presented in the last issue of LIFE, but with a few slight changes.

Barber and Knox, '10, and Sidle, '11, had charge of the polls, Barber, Brasted and Glover, '10, Martin and Peters, '11 counting the votes.

The following officers were elected:

President of Athletic Association
PROF. C. L. LEWIS

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Prof. A. P. Saunders

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Freshman Representative
S. T. Woods, '13

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Prof. W. J. Miller
Rev. Henry White, '98
H. R. Barrows, '06
Prin. P. L. Wight, '91
H. P. Osborne, 91
P. B. Williams, '08

Press Association

Feeling the need of some substantial support for the Press Association during the coming year, the active officers namely Renwick and Engs, '10, have started a competition for membership, which is open to all the classes.

In this way the Association will be increased to a possible eight—two men being chosen from each class. It will afford an abundance of material for the weekly bulletin.

A weekly bulletin of important college affairs will be printed and copies sent to all of the leading newspapers in the country.

The articles submitted should either be special articles about Hamilton, or individual write-ups of the different men in college. The latter are to be sent to the home papers of the undergraduates.

The election to the new Press Association therefore will be made upon a competitive basis; each man according to the amount of work that is accepted. Two men from each of the upper classes will be chosen in February and the remainder of the board

will be elected later at a time to be set by the Association.

The Press Association has been doing better work this year than ever before, and with this new system will be materially strengthened.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL

The plans for the Interclass Basketball season which the Department of Intramural Sports will follow gives the assurance that every means will be used to make it a success. Heretofore the contests between the classes have been indifferently conducted, with the result that but little interest has been aroused. This year six games will be played, each class playing a game with the other three. The rating will be on a percentage basis, and in case that any two classes are tied for the same position, the deciding game will be played for the championship. The contests will take place on Friday evenings in the early part of Winter term, the exact dates being undecided. Two games will be played each night between teams representing all four classes.

The method of conducting the Interfraternity matches has not been decided, but undoubtedly a similar plan will be pursued. In all of the season's matches the standard rules for 1909-1910 will be used.

1910 HAMILTONIAN

In order to close its accounts, the Management of the 1910 Hamiltonian offers the remainder of the edition for seventy-five (75) cents per copy. Any men in college, or alumni, who desire a book can procure the same of the Manager, Cross, '10.

—The Bowling matches scheduled for last Thursday and Friday evening in the Interfraternity League were postponed.

—Osborn, '09, has a position with the Washburn Crosby Company, in Buffalo.

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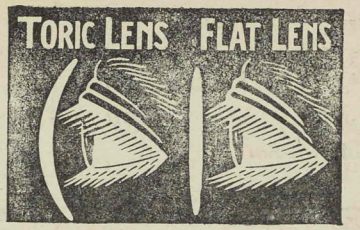

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IT IS A GOOD SIGHT for any Hamilton man, especially those who are vitally interested in debating, to see the college team chosen on a sane and logical basis of work done. Obviously it is essential to a successful debating season that the men who represent Hamilton be chosen strictly on a basis of merit and ability and not by a method so common in college elections—popularity. This has been the case in former years. A class or two classes cannot elect the best debaters in college. They may know in a general way, of the ability of the several men, but the popularity of this or that man is sure to enter into the consideration. The competitive system is certainly better, and we are glad to see its inauguration at last, after several seasons of unsuccessful debating, due to no other reason, we maintain, but a poor system of team selection. It is just one more step in the right direction. All we can say is, "Let the good work continue."

THE OLD HILL is again covered with snow; the sleds are carrying their passengers down the long slope; the cry 'Road' rings clear and strong. We are glad of it, for coasting is one of the features of our college life that is strictly Hamiltonian. But, as always at this time of the year, there is a warning which is both pertinent and timely. And especially is this little foreword valuable to the new men in order to prevent future injuries. In the first exhilaration of any new thing, men are inclined to overdo it, and that is just what has been noticed in the past few days. The Freshmen do not seem to realize that there is a lot of danger in trying to get too much speed with too little practice. The rails at the two curves were not instituted to enable a man to take the bend at full speed—and that is the idea that the new men seem to have at the present time. Their purpose is to lessen the danger of going full-head into a nearby tree. And this purpose is accomplished, if a little intelligent moderation is used. The matter might all be summed up in these few words of advice: "Don't try to go too fast and take the curves slowly, get out of the path quickly when you hear a sled approaching, don't forget to signal others, when you are sliding—and this should be observed with special care at night,—and, last but not least, be sure that you ride down the Hill on the sled you drew up."

THE NEW ELECTION SYSTEM which was inaugurated at the College election just passed was a great success, and LIFE has only commendation for it. It has long been apparent that the old method was not all that it should be. In the first place it took too much time. At a college meeting, where there were a number of college officers to be elected, an hour was occupied in accomplishing the task. As a natural result there were some men who did not attend college meetings. Of course, you may say that, if they chose to be absent, it was their own loss. And that is true, to a certain extent, but nevertheless every man in college should express his opinion on the business matters which are transacted at the college meetings. Good managers and other officers are absolutely essential to successful activities, and you cannot secure them on the vote of only part of the college. The number of ballots cast under the new system accounts for almost every undergraduate, and in addition, it did not take more than five minutes of any one man's time. The new method of election has proved its value, and LIFE urges its use at all future college elections.

ACTUATED BY THE REPORT that from a financial standpoint the past football season had not been entirely satisfactory, and aroused by the statement of the Management that a coach for next season would not be engaged until his salary was assured, various plans for remedying conditions have been formulated during the last week. Chief among these, and gradually increasing in favor, is the suggestion that an assessment of ten dollars be levied upon every student at the beginning of the Fall Term, the tax to be collected as a part of the regular Term bill, and to be used to defray the expenses of all athletic activities. It is known that the plan has the approval of the Football Management, as well as that of several Faculty and student members of the Advisory Board.

The advocates of the plan urge that with nearly two thousand dollars as a working basis, the athletics of the College could be placed in excellent condition. Twelve hundred dollars could be given to the Football department, and the remainder divided between Baseball and Track. These amounts, coupled with the gate receipts, would enable the various Departments to purchase their necessary equipment. The problem of obtaining sufficient funds to secure a coach would thus be solved, and the present uncertain method of asking for three separate subscriptions eliminated.

Among other arguments in favor of the scheme is the fact that colleges thruout the country are employing it with great success. The excellence of athletics at Union has more than convinced its erstwhile opponents of its desirability, while Syracuse and Colgate have adopted the system as most satisfactory.

The present method of securing financial support for our activities is far from satisfactory. The new method has been tried in other colleges, and has been a great success. It would certainly obviate a long-suffered difficulty in Hamilton. The plan is at least worth consideration, and LIFE urges that the scheme be brought before the Advisory Board in the near future.

DURING THE COMING vacation every man in College should realize that he has something definite to do during that time. Our constant aim should

be to interest new men in Hamilton, so that the ideal of a college of 300 men may be realized at some future time. The only way for the undergraduates to accomplish their share in the work is by constant endeavor to advertise Hamilton. There is no harm in publicity of the right variety. LIFE offers the following suggestions:

1. There must be someone in your home town who will be ready for college next fall, and is still undecided as to the place of his choice. He is certainly open to conviction. Tell him about Hamilton, the life on the Hill, and all that the College stands for. Interest him in some way, it matters not in what particular manner you do it.

2. Take home copies of the Hamilton publications, pictures and picture post cards of Hamilton, and a catalog. Use them.

3. Irregularity of preparation cannot prevent any member of a 1910 preparatory class from entering Hamilton next fall. Patience and determination, backed by your interest and optimism will solve the problem. With nine months left to work on entrance requirements, no case is hopeless. There are men in 1913 who can furnish proof of the truth of these statements.

4. The September Record contains the mailing list for our 1600 Alumni. Many are in your own town. All can be reached by letter. An enthusiastic account of Hamilton in 1909 will go far in securing their aid in making a Hamilton of 300 men next year.

5. The Press Association is ready to send Hamilton news wherever it will be printed. An hour or two spent with the editors of your town paper, will open the way.

6. The Hamilton Interscholastic Meet will be held on May 14. More teams and more sub-Freshmen are needed. Secure them.

If this is done during vacation and by every man in college, it cannot help but mean larger classes for Hamilton, and that means a betterment of all that is connected with the College. And that should be the aim of every undergraduate. Let us all get together and work hard. Cooperation cannot help but spell success.

SOPER PRIZE THESIS

The award of the Soper Prize Thesis for 1910 has been made to Jerome Willis McNair, '10. His subject was, "The Need of an Expert Tariff Commission." The committee of award was Prof. E. W. Kemmerer, of Cornell University.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 16th.

9 a. m. Seniors, Ethics; Juniors, Sociology, Latin; Sophomores, French L. S.

1:30 p. m. Seniors, English Seminar; Sophomores, German, Cl; Freshmen, Greek (at 3 p. m.)

Friday, December 17th.

9 a. m. Seniors, American History, Chemistry; Juniors, Biology, Chemistry, L. S.; Sophomores, Biology; Freshmen, Outlines of History, Greek.

1:30 p. m. Seniors, German; Sophomores, German, Cl.

Saturday, December 18th.

9 a. m. Seniors, Physics, English Lit; Juniors, English Lit., Physics; Freshmen, Elocution.

1:30 p. m. Juniors, Chemistry Cl.; Sophomores, Chemistry, L. S.

Monday, December 20th.

9 a. m. Seniors, History of Education, Projective Geometry, French; Juniors, French, History of England; Sophomores, Mathematics; Freshmen Latin.

1:30 p. m. Seniors, Zoology; Juniors, Zoology.

Tuesday, December 21st.

9 a. m. Seniors, History of Philosophy; Juniors, Mineralogy, Greek; Sophomores, Latin; Freshmen, French L. S.

Wednesday, December 22nd.

9 a. m. Seniors, Finance, Greek, Juniors, American History, German Cl., Calculus. Sophomores, Greek, German, L. S.; Freshmen, Mathematics.

Thursday, December 23rd.

9 a. m. Seniors, Geology, Latin; Juniors, Psychology; Sophomores, Old Testament History; Freshmen, Epistle of St. James.

MUSICAL CLUBS

Leader Hastings announces the permanent personnel of the Glee Club. It follows: 1st Tenors, Hastings, Sidle, Johnson, Getman, Thompson; 2nd Tenor, Titus, Cross, Evans, Gouge, Jessup; 1st Bass, McNair, Sarles, Judson, Peters, DuBois; 2nd Bass, Sherwin, Allen, Hall, Burdick and Woods, making a total of twenty men in the club.

The following men of the Mandolin Club will be taken on the Musical Trips: Barber, '10, Fisk, '10, Getman, '10, Hemenway, '10, Renwick, '10, Stone, '10, Gould, '11, Westcott, '11, DuBois, '12, Wallace, '12, Evans, '13, True, '13, Woods, '13.

—Dr. F. H. Wood, who is making a trip around the world, sent his present address to LIFE. It is, care of Brown, Shipley & Company, 123 Pall Mall, London.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Advisory Board was held last Thursday, to take action on the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

After discussion, it was moved and adopted that the amendments to the Constitution, as presented to the College, be approved.

It was further moved and adopted that a Committee consisting of Prof. Calvin E. Lewis and C. H. Hall, '10, be appointed to look into the advisability of building a skating rink.

It was further moved and adopted that the poll system of ballott be used in the elections of Saturday, December 11th.

BROOKLYN ALUMNI

The Brooklyn Alumni Association of Hamilton College held its annual meeting at the Univrsity Club in the Oxford Club last evening, and about 30 graduates and guests enjoyed speeches and singing college songs. President M. W. Stryker, who came from College Hill to be with the "boys," received a ringing welcome. He gave a pleasing account of the condition of the college in his speech. Other speakers were Justice Abel E. Blackmar, Assemblyman Warren I. Lee and A. J. Soper, a trustee, who came from Lakewood as a guest. Another trustee present besides Justice Blackmar and Mr. Soper, was Samuel F. Engs. The president of the association, William M. Bristol, was happy and genial as toastmaster. A scheme was set on foot by which, as expected, many students will be helped on their way through college in the way of meeting expenses.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Warren I. Lee, '99; vice president, Edwin A. Rockwell, '76; secretary-treasurer, Orlando E. Ferry, '95; executive committee, Frank W. Holmes, '96, chairman; Carl A. Babtiste, '96; Cyrus V. Washburn, '87, and Henry E. Taylor, 1900. —*Brooklyn Eagle.*

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HILL NOTES

—Getman, '10, has been added to the list of K. P. eligibles.

—Martin, '11, is suffering from a badly strained shoulder, resulting from a fall in the Gym.

—Sherwin, '67, Williams, '08, and Hatfield, '09, were on the Hill during last week.

—The date for the annual spring N. Y. S. I. A. U. Meet has been fixed as May 30th.

—Hutchins, '88, of Chicago, is a candidate for the Presidency of the National Baseball League.

—McNair, '10, has been elected an Elder in the College Church to take the place of Leavenworth, '10.

—Photographs of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet and of the *Lit.* Board were taken at Frey's last Saturday.

—Foster, '13, has left College for the remainder of the year owing to severe eye trouble. He will probably re-enter next fall.

—The Track Management is considering an interesting intercollegiate indoor track meet to be held in Utica early in March.

—The Charlatans are to give a farce-comedy, "My Nephew," during Prom. Week. With Prof. Shepard's assistance, the caste has already been selected.

—During the Winter Term the Senior Class in Elementary Law will be conducted by Harold Aron, ex-'09. Prof. Davenport will retain his classes in Economics.

—The Junior Seminar in English Literature will not meet again until Winter Term. At the last meeting the class completed the reading of Marlowe's Doctor Faustus.

—Senator Root, '64, delivered a eulogy at the Memorial meeting of the New York State Bar Association in the Assembly Hall, Albany, recently, commemorative of the life and services of the late Justice of the Supreme Court, Rufus W. Peckham.

—The Director of Intramural Sports has purchased two new basketballs for the coming season. One will be kept in number 9, Carnegie, for the use of all who are interested in the Interclass and Interfraternity games. The other will be used only in the regular games.

—With a view toward bringing the Alumni into closer contact with the College, the management of *Lit.* has sent out requests to every living Alumnus, urging him to send in a short account of his work for the past year. These articles are to be published in *Lit.*, beginning with the January number.

—Senator Davenport was in New York last Thursday and delivered an address before the Union League Club on the subject, "The Character of William McKinley." The following evening he spoke at a dinner at the Hotel Savoy, given by the New York Alumni of Wesleyan University to President Shanklin, '83.

—The Colgate Debating Team, of the Triangular Debating League, has been selected and is made up as follows: W. W. Bartlett, '10, Hamilton; David Levy, '10, Brooklyn; M. R. Haunn, '10, Hamilton; W. C. Newcomb, '10, Newport, N. J.; A. W. Hughes, '11, Hamilton; Louis Sorrell, '11, Carthage; Robert Burroughs, '12; E. Westmoreland, N. H.; H. C. Miller, '13, Morris.

A NEW FEATURE

Lit. is about to establish a new feature in its columns. It will fill a long-felt want for the alumni, and in that way—by interesting them in Hamilton publications — their bond with the college will be strengthened.

This new department purposes to print the news of the alumni of the various classes, what they are and have been doing. This cannot help but be of great interest to the alumni body in general. If its purpose is fulfilled, some men may be able to get in touch with their old classmates. Perhaps it will even help to bring alumni back at Commencement—and that means only future good in the College.

In order to secure authentic alumni news, cards will be sent out by *Lit.* to every living alumnus, requesting him to send the board all news about himself he cares to place in print. Of course the plan can not succeed unless the *Lit.* Board has the hearty support and cooperation of the alumni body. This is absolutely essential. And, in order perhaps to do its little part toward helping such a worthy undertaking, LIFE would add its plea that all the alumni respond to the communication of its sister publication.

JUNIOR PROM.

Much favorable comment is being heard on the changing of the date of the Junior Prom. to February third, thus preventing a conflict with the opening of Lent. The committee believes that the completion of all the preliminary arrangements before Christmas will facilitate the working out of minor details later on. At a meeting of the Committee, held last Friday, it was decided to let the contract for refreshments to Mertz. The programs will be made by Eliot, of Philadelphia. Allen, of Utica, will do the decorating, which will be done in the same style as last year. Zita, of Albany, has already been engaged to furnish the music. Both his selections and his orchestra were very satisfactory last year, and his return will meet with general approval.

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